

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Jharkhand for financial assistance under the Article 275 (1) of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a), (b) & (c): Every financial year, proposals are received from State Governments having Scheduled Tribe population, including Jharkhand, for providing financial assistance under the programme of Grant under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India. The activities taken up under the programme relate to bridging the gap in critical areas in sectors like education, health, drinking water, electrification, communication, rural marketing, water harvesting, tribal land management etc. Priority for undertaking the development schemes is decided by the State Governments based on the felt needs of the local area in accordance with the guidelines.

A statement indicating the grant released by the Ministry under the programme of grants under Article 275 (1) to various States including Jharkhand during the last three years and the current financial year is enclosed at Annex-I